

## The 2009 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting

**CMS Presenters - Click on hyperlinked titles or names for presentation slides**

**Sunday, June 28**

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

### [Investigating the Causes of Medicare Spending Growth](#)

*Boulevard AB (second floor)*

**Chair:** [Melinda Beeuwkes Buntin](#), RAND

**Panelists:**

**Sandra Decker**, National Center for Health Statistics

*Are Expenditures Higher for Those Entering Medicare at Age 65 Having Been Previously Uninsured?*

**Jack Hadley**, George Mason University

[Medicare Fees & The Volume of Physicians' Services](#)

**Teryl Nuckols**, University of California, Los Angeles and RAND

[Volume Growth in Medicare: An Investigation of 10 Physicians' Services](#)

**Gerald Riley**, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

*Long-Term Trends in Medicare Payments in the Last Year of Life*

**Baoping Shang**, Urban Institute

[Treatment Intensity & Health Care Spending Growth among the Elderly](#)

**2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

### **Methods Challenges & Limitations in Combining/Linking Data Sets (ResDAC, CMS Data, Chronic Condition Warehouse)**

*Continental A (lobby level)*

**Chair:** [Franklin Eppig](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Panelists:**

[Daniel Gilden](#), JEN Associates

[Brian O'Donnell](#), Buccaneer Computer Systems and Services, Inc.

[Gerald Riley](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Methods Workshop:** Linkage of data elements from discrete CMS administrative data files can greatly enhance the utility of a research database. However, these data linkages are not always straightforward since Medicare beneficiaries can have multiple personal identifiers both within and across in the various administrative data files. This session will explore the challenges involved in combining data from CMS's Medicare, Medicaid, OASIS and MDS databases and discuss methods to minimize these linkage problems.

## Monday, June 29

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

### CMS Databases

*Continental B (lobby level)*

**Chair:** [Samuel "Chris" Haffer](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

#### Panelists:

[Stephen Crystal](#), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

[Richard Hector](#), Health Services Advisory Group, Inc.

[Galina Khatutsky](#), RTI International

**Research Resources:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services maintains a number of databases that can be very useful in health services research. The aim of this session is to review briefly the different types of data that are available and to focus on the utility of using these data sets to answer timely and significant questions in health services research.

### Medicare Part D

*Northwest Hall 5 (lower level)*

**Chair:** [Patricia Neuman](#), Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

#### Panelists:

**G. Caleb Alexander**, University of Chicago

*The Impact of Medicare Part D on Medicare-Medicaid Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries' Prescription Utilization & Expenditures*

**Christine Bishop**, Brandeis University

*Who Chooses? Enrollment of Dually-Eligible Beneficiaries in Medicare Part D Plans*

**Margaret Colby**, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

*Crossing the Doughnut Hole: The Effects of the Medicare Drug Coverage Gap for Patients Who Require High-Cost Medications*

**Frank Funderburk**, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

***Direct Marketing Strategies Can Enhance Enrollment of Low-Income Beneficiaries into the Low Income Subsidy***

**Mary Price**, Kaiser Permanente

***The Effect of the Part D Coverage Gap on Medicare Beneficiaries Using Antidepressants***

**3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**New Strategies for Disseminating & Sustaining Chronic Care Services**

*Northwest Hall 5 (lower level)*

**Chair: Ming Tai-Seale**, Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health

**Discussant: Mary Kapp**, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Panelists:**

**Jose Calderon**, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

***Using Animation to Enhance Diabetes Health Literacy in Vulnerable Populations***

**Elizabeth Ciemins**, Billings Clinic

***The PRISM Project: Promoting Realistic Individual Self-Management among Urban & Rural Patients with Diabetes***

**Sheri Eisert**, Denver Health Medical Center

***Assessing the Impact of a Chronic Care Registry on the Quality of Care***

**The Medicare Physician Group Practice Demonstration**

*Boulevard C (second floor)*

**Chair: Gregory Pope**, RTI International

**Discussant: Michael Trisolini**, RTI International

**Panelists:**

**Marilyn Follen**, Marshfield Clinic

***The Medicare Physician Group Practice Demonstration: A Participating Provider Group's Perspective***

**Musetta Leung**, RTI International

***Quality of Care Results from the Medicare Physician Group Practice Demonstration***

**John Pilotte**, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

***The Medicare Physician Group Practice Demonstration: Overview from CMS***

**Gregory Pope**, RTI International

***Financial Results from the Medicare Physician Group Practice Demonstration***

**4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

**Hospital Quality from the Patient Perspective: Results from Year Two of the HCAHPS Survey**  
*Boulevard AB (second floor)*

**Chair:** Marc Elliott, RAND

**Panelists:**

**Marc Elliott, RAND**

*Findings from the Second HCAHPS Mode Experiment*

**Laura Giordano, Health Services Advisory Group**

*Evaluation of Hospital Care from the Patients' Perspective: Results from Year Two of the HCAHPS Survey*

**Marc Elliott, RAND**

*Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Inpatient Experience: National Results from the HCAHPS Survey*

**William Lehrman, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

*Examining Hospital Quality in Two Dimensions: Characteristics of Hospitals Demonstrating Superior Performance in Patient Experience & Clinical Process Measures of Care*

**Tuesday, June 30**

**8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.**

**CMS Research Update**

*Continental B (lobby level)*

**Chair:** [Thomas Reilly](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Panelists:** [Stephen Calfo](#) and [Sean Creighton](#), both of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**Research Update:** This session will provide an overview of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) research and demonstration agenda for the coming year. It will provide an overview of important themes and planned projects, including Medicare and Medicaid data bases that will be available and how researchers can access these data. It will then focus in detail on one of the key research initiatives in CMS: the first comprehensive evaluation of the Part D risk adjustment model.

**9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.**

**Physician Resource Use Management in Medicare**

*Continental B (lobby level)*

**Chair:** [Frederick Thomas](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Panelists:**

**Tom MaCurdy**, Acumen, LLC and Stanford University;

**Melony Sorbero**, RAND

**J. William Thomas**, University of Southern Maine

**Sunyna Williams**, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

**Special Session:** The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) brought new challenges to the pay for performance concept. It requires Medicare to initiate a physician feedback program to improve efficiency and control costs on an episode and/or a per capita basis and to develop a plan to transition Medicare to a value-based purchasing program for covered professional services. This session will present and discuss findings on ongoing CMS research projects that can inform these legislative goals.